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Subject: RE: MT Standard Questions for Greg

These look good to me. Very tactful.

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Joe and Nikia:

See draft answers below. Feel free to change or edit.

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FYI, im not sure Greg would be in a position to answer these questions, let me know thoughts. Thanks.

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From: Susan Dunlap <Susan.Dunlap@mtstandard.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:45 AM
To: Wardell, Christopher <Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: June 11, 2019 Meeting with new EPA Region 8 Administrator Greg Sopkin

Doug originally said Butte would get a CD by Christmas of 2018. He said Anaconda would also have a CD by early 2019. Those timelines have not held. What assurance does the public have that EPA can stick to its larger timeline of delisting by 2024/2025 respectively?

EPA will continue to work towards beginning delisting for the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area site in 2024 and the Anaconda Smelter Site in 2025. If this timeframe changes, EPA will inform the public.

There's been a lot of talk about Atlantic Richfield and a cd signed with them – what about the railroads? Do they require a separate consent decree for BPSOU? If so, are those talks underway?

The current Butte Site consent decree negotiations do not include Burlington Northern Railway Co. or the Union Pacific Railroad Company. EPA plans a separate consent decree with those parties regarding the cleanup work on properties owned or controlled by them, to be negotiated at a later date. In the meantime, the existing CERCLA section 106 unilateral administrative order governs the ongoing cleanup and maintenance work on those properties.

Where is EPA with Restore Our Creek Coalition's feasibility study request?
EPA is considering the request, and conferring with both ROCC members and the other consent decree parties on the request. No decision has been made.
Note to Chris and Andrew – there may be more definitive news on this by the time Doug visits.

Where is the process of hiring a community involvement coordinator? What about bringing Robert Moler back?

The public's comments during the two public meetings on the proposed plan were overwhelmingly negative. Will EPA take steps to modify the plan based on those comments? Will it affect the August 12 timeline?
There was both negative and positive comments received at the two public hearings. Additional comments have been and will be submitted in writing. EPA, in consultation with the Montana DEQ, will carefully consider all comments and will modify the proposed changes to the existing remedy if that consideration indicates changes are needed. At this time, the August 12 deadline for the consent decree negotiation completion has not been changed.

District Judge Brad Newman spoke during the last proposed plan hearing and questioned how the state and the county could sign a consent decree that doesn't include a free flowing natural water course from Texas to George. What is EPA's position on that?
Judge Newman's comments are part of the formal public comments submitted on the proposed plan for a ROD Amendment. EPA will respond to all comments, including Judge Newman's, in a responsiveness summary that will be part of the ROD Amendment.

Thanks very much,
Susan

From: Wardell, Christopher [<mailto:Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov>]
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To: Susan Dunlap <Susan.Dunlap@mtstandard.com>
Subject: RE: June 11, 2019 Meeting with new EPA Region 8 Administrator Greg Sopkin

Susan,

If possible, can you please send questions or topic areas you would like to discuss with Greg after the 9:00 am meeting. Thanks.

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From: Wardell, Christopher
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Sounds good, thank you.

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On May 23, 2019, at 11:23 AM, Susan Dunlap <Susan.Dunlap@mtstandard.com> wrote:

Great, thanks, I will be there. I think David will be coming, too.
Best,
susan

From: Wardell, Christopher [<mailto:Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov>]
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To: Susan Dunlap <Susan.Dunlap@mtstandard.com>
Subject: June 11, 2019 Meeting with new EPA Region 8 Administrator Greg Sopkin

Hi Susan,

EPA wants to invite you and other key stakeholders to meet with new EPA Region 8 Administrator Greg Sopkin and EPA staff on **Tuesday June 11, 2019 at 9:00 am** at the **Butte Archives**. This will be an informal discussion with Greg as he gets to learn and engage with the Butte community on Superfund issues. This will be similar to the March 21 meeting with Doug Benevento as he was passing off his RA duties. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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